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A JOINT MEMORIAL

AUTHORIZING THE PROPERTY DONATED TO THE STATE THAT INCLUDES THE SHAKESPEARE GHOST TOWN IN HIDALGO COUNTY TO BE DESIGNATED AS A STATE PARK.

WHEREAS, Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978 requires legislative approval of any acquisition of land for state park purposes prior to the execution of a written agreement binding the state to an expenditure of funds; and

WHEREAS, the property that includes the Shakespeare ghost town in Hidalgo county is in negotiations to be donated to the state of New Mexico for use as a state park;

WHEREAS, the property to be donated would meet the requirements for property to be used as a state park and is of historical importance to the citizens of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that if and when the Shakespeare ghost town property is donated to the state of New Mexico, the land be approved pursuant to Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978 to become the Shakespeare Ghost Town state park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources.